

Transportation Budget

he Commonwealth Transportation Board approves a state transportation budget every year that allocates funding for road way maintenance, operations and construction, as well as for administrative costs, debt payments and other expenses.

Mass transit, airports, and seaports receive part of their funding from the state transportation budget.

Where the Money

Comes From

Ninety-five percent of all transportation revenues are generated primarily from motor fuel taxes and user fees at the state and federal levels. Both federal and state revenues support the two transportation funds: the Highway and Maintenance Operating Fund (HMOF) and the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

Highway and Maintenance Operating Fund (HMOF)

Primary source of state money for roadway maintenance and operations

Transportation Trust Fund (TTF)

Primary source of state and federal money for highway construction, mass transit, airports and seaports

Revenue Resources

State Taxes and User Fees

Gas tax (17.5 cents per gallon)

HMOF 14.85 cents
TTF 2.5 cents
DMV .15 cents
Every 1 cent generates \$50 million in annual revenue

Vehicles sales and use tax (3 percent)

HMOF 2 percent
TTF 1 percent
Each percent generates about \$190
million in annual revenue

Vehicle license fee (\$29.50)

HMOF \$16 TTF \$3 DMV \$4 Other \$6.50

Sales and use tax (5 percent)

TTF 1/2 percent

Federal Taxes

The federal gas tax is 18.4 cents per gallon and comprises 87 percent of the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Other sources include motor vehicle and tire taxes.

The amount of federal transportation revenues and how it is divided among the states is determined once every six years. Federal funds are not distributed as lump sum grants to states. Virginia is reimbursed for expenses.

Federally funded projects are generally an 80 federal/20 state match.

Other Sources

Toll revenues, bonds or debt, general fund appropriations and local contributions for specific purposes.

Highway and Maintenance Operating Fund (HMOF)

Revenues:
State sources – gas taxes and user fees

Maintenance of interstate, primary and secondary roads

Financial assistance to localities to maintain roads

Revenues:
Support to other state agencies

Transportation Trust Fund (TTF)

Revenues: Federal and state sources

Toll roads and debt service

Construction of interstate, primary and secondary roads

Enhancement projects, access roads and other programs

Mass transit, ports and airports

Transportation Trust Fund distribution of state revenue sources as required by the Code of Virginia.



